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MEMORANDUM FOR THE: Special Assistant to the President  
for International Security Affairs  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Science and Technology  
Executive Secretary, National Aero-  
nautics and Space Council  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Assistant Director for Research and  
Development, CIA  
Acting Director, ACDA  
Chief, Weather Bureau

SUBJECT: Cooperation with the USSR in Space Matters

Attached are copies of two documents agreed between Dr. Dryden of NASA and Prof. Blagonravov of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR during recent bilateral discussions in Geneva, i.e.: (1) a Protocol for the establishment of a special direct communications link between the World Meteorological Centers in Moscow and Washington in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement on Outer Space of June 8, 1962 between the Soviet Academy and NASA and (2) a Second Memorandum of Understanding to Implement the Bilateral Agreement on Outer Space.

You will note that the Protocol deals only with administrative arrangements for placing into operation the communications link already agreed under the bilateral agreement of 1962. It is, therefore, not ad referendum.

The Second Memorandum of Understanding, however, concerns additional substantive matters involved in two of the projects which were agreed in the bilateral agreement of 1962 (i.e.: the coordinated meteorological satellite program and the project for a coordinated survey of the earth's magnetic field through the use

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of satellites) as well as arrangements for new cooperation in the field of space biology and medicine. It is, therefore, ad referendum and subject to change by either party within a period of one month.

The general content of both these documents was made public by Dr. Dryden and Prof. Blagonravov at a joint press conference in Geneva on June 5 and by Dr. Dryden at a press conference in Washington on June 8. The texts of these documents have not been made public, and neither should be released publicly until the Second Memorandum of Understanding has been confirmed by both NASA and the Soviet Academy.

It is my understanding that at present NASA has no substantive changes to make in the Second Memorandum of Understanding. The Department is similarly prepared to accept the arrangements agreed in that document.

Upon expiration of the waiting period (July 6) and subject to any changes which may be desired by the United States or any acceptable changes proposed by the Soviet Academy, we propose that Dr. Dryden write to Professor Blagonravov accepting the Second Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of NASA. Upon receipt of similar confirmation from Professor Blagonravov on behalf of the Soviet Academy, the text of the Second Memorandum of Understanding, along with the Protocol, will be made public in a NASA press release and will be forwarded to the Secretary General of the United Nations for circulation to member states of the United Nations, preferably as a joint action by the United States and the Soviet Representatives to the United Nations.

It would be appreciated if you would inform the Department by the close of business on July 1, either

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in writing or by a 'phone call to the Office of International Scientific Affairs within the Department (Mr. Packard on Ext. 6751), of your acceptance of, or proposed changes in, the Second Memorandum of Understanding and of your concurrence in the procedures described above.

/s/ U. Alexis Johnson

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Deputy Under Secretary

cc: The Administrator, NASA

Attachments:

1. Protocol
2. Second Memorandum of Understanding

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